

IN RECOGNITION OF HAL SHELTON
AND THE WASHINGTON METRO-
POLITAN AREA SCORE FOR WIN-
NING THE 2008 SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION DISTRICT DI-
RECTOR'S AWARD

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Hal Shelton and the Board of the Washington Metropolitan Area SCORE for receiving the 2008 Small Business Administration District Director's Award for their contribution to the training, counseling and mentoring of small businesses.

Hal Shelton and the more than 50 Washington Metro Area SCORE volunteers were recognized for substantially assisting the SBA DC district office in providing business counseling to military service members at Walter Reed Hospital; organizing workshops for local 8(a) businesses; and for exceeding all goals for the number of DC-area clients who received business mentoring and advice.

Since 1964, SCORE "Counselors to America's Businesses," have helped 8 million aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners through counseling and business workshops. More than 10,500 volunteer business counselors in 389 chapters serve their communities through entrepreneur education dedicated to the formation, growth and success of small businesses.

For their commitment to preserving the reputation of American small businesses as among the most productive in the world and for their years of dedicated public service, I commend Hal Shelton and the members of Washington Metropolitan Area SCORE for receiving this important honor.

HONORING CONNOR WAYNE CHOICE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Connor Wayne Choice of Liberty, Missouri. Connor is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Connor has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Connor has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Connor Wayne Choice for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is December 9, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 13,105 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

So Madam Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 13,105 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children

in America is enough; and that it is time that we stood up together again, and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust; and we are still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

Madam Speaker, as we consider the plight of unborn America tonight, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is December 9, 2008, 13,105 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children; this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

REMARKS ON INAUGURAL BILL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. CLEAVER. Madame Speaker, on January 20, this Nation will lay witness to a Presidential Inauguration like no other in our country's history. As my fellow Americans travel to the District of Columbia, in some cases without a place to stay, just to be part of this historic occasion, we must bear in mind that this event stands as a symbol of democracy, and that tickets should not be bought and sold to the highest bidder. It is egregious that tickets that are given out freely would then be sold for thousands of dollars. Even worse, are false promises of tickets that are made to individuals and families, who are then left with empty pockets and tales of disillusion.

For these reasons, I have introduced a bill that will make it a crime to knowingly sell tickets to the Presidential Inaugural ceremony. This bill will also make it a criminal act to produce counterfeit tickets for the Inaugural ceremony. I am hopeful that this bill will work to stop the unscrupulous, yet devastating actions of the few, and preserve the dignity of this historic and celebratory occasion for the many.

HONORING RYAN RUSSELL DONALDSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Russell Donaldson of Liberty, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest